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person, as an Assistant Mooring Master at a deepwater port unless:

(a) That person holds a current United States Coast Guard issued license as:

(1) Master of ocean steam or motor vessels of any gross tons, endorsed as radar observer, and has six months experience as master or chief mate on tankers of 70,000 DWT or larger; or

(2) Master of ocean steam or motor vessels of limited tons, endorsed as radar observer, and endorsed as first-class pilot of vessels of any gross tons for at least one port in the area of the deepwater port;

(b) The licensee determines that that person knows the procedures described in the Operations Manual for:

(1) Vessel control;
(2) Vessel responsibilities;
(3) Spill prevention, containment, and cleanup;
(4) Accidents and emergencies; and
(5) Voice radiotelecommunications; and

(c) The licensee designates that person as Assistant Mooring Master and advises the Captain of the Port, in writing, of the designation.

§ 150.217 Limitation on service.

No person may perform in more than one of the following capacities at any one time:

- (a) Port Superintendent.
- (b) Cargo Transfer Supervisor.
- (c) Cargo Transfer Assistant.
- (d) Vessel Traffic Supervisor.
- (e) Mooring Master.
- (f) Assistant Mooring Master.

Subpart C—Vessel Navigation

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§ 150.301 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes rules that:

(a) Apply to the navigation of all vessels at or near a deepwater port; and
(b) Describe vessel activities permitted and prohibited in a deepwater port safety zone.

NOTE. Appendix A to this part describes the designated boundaries of U.S. deepwater

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port safety zones. Included within the safety zones are specific areas to be avoided, anchorages, and other ship's routing measures associated with particular safety zones. (Shipping safety fairways associated with deepwater ports are described in Part 166 of this Title.)

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§ 150.303 Definitions.

Support vessel means a tug, linehandling boat, crewboat, workboat, supply vessel, bunkering vessel, barge, or other similar vessel working for a licensee in connection with the operation of a deepwater port or cleared by a licensee to service a tanker calling at a deepwater port.

Tanker means a vessel that calls at a deepwater port to load or unload oil at a SPM.

§ 150.305 Ships' routing measures.

No licensee may operate a deepwater port unless the port has such ships' routing measures as prescribed or approved by the Coast Guard to provide for safe navigation at or near the deepwater port.

§ 150.307 Radar surveillance.

The Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall maintain radar surveillance of the safety zone whenever:

(a) A tanker is proceeding to the safety zone after submitting the report required in § 150.335; or

(b) A tanker or support vessel is underway in the safety zone; or

(c) A vessel other than a tanker or support vessel is about to enter or is underway in the safety zone.

§ 150.309 Advisories to tankers.

(a) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall advise the master of each tanker underway in the safety zone of the tanker's position by range and bearing from the PPC at intervals not to exceed 10 minutes.

(b) Whenever the Vessel Traffic Supervisor determines that a vessel may potentially interfere with the movement of a tanker in the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall keep the master of the tanker informed of the position and estimated course

and speed of the vessel as necessary to assist the tanker in navigation within the safety zone.

(c) Whenever a tanker enters the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall advise the tanker of the position of each other vessel moored, anchored, or underway in the safety zone.

§ 150.311 Radio listening watch.

Whenever a tanker is in the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor and the master of the tanker shall each continuously monitor the radio frequency designated in the Operation Manuals for use by tankers and support vessels underway at the port, except when transmitting on that frequency.

§ 150.313 Clearances for tankers.

(a) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to enter the safety zone unless:

(1) Each other tanker underway in the safety zone is at least 5 miles from the tanker requesting clearance to enter the safety zone; and

(2) A Mooring Master is on board or ready to board at a position in the designated safety fairway that will permit completion of boarding before the tanker enters the safety zone.

(b) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to moor at a SPM unless:

(1) There is a SPM berth available and the Vessel Traffic Supervisor has assigned that berth to the tanker;

(2) The visibility in the safety zone is at least two miles;

(3) All operating conditions prescribed in the Operation Manuals for mooring to a SPM have been met; and

(4) A Mooring Master and an Assistant Mooring Master are on board.

(c) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to depart from a SPM unless the visibility in the safety zone is at least two miles and a Mooring Master is on board.

(d) No tanker may enter the safety zone or moor at or depart from a SPM, unless the master of the tanker has obtained clearance from the Vessel Traffic Supervisor, except as permitted by paragraph (e) of this section.

(e) A tanker may, in an emergency, for the protection of life or property, depart from a SPM without clearance

from the Vessel Traffic Supervisor if the master advises the Vessel Traffic Supervisor of the circumstances, by radio, at the earliest possible moment.

§ 150.315 Clearances for support vessels.

(a) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall direct support vessel movements within the safety zone.

(b) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may clear support vessels to enter or depart the safety zone at any point.

§ 150.317 Clearances for other vessels.

(a) When requested by the master of a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall furnish information concerning other vessels underway or moored in the safety zone.

(b) If the Vessel Traffic Supervisor determines that a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel may be standing into danger with respect to any vessel or part of the deepwater port installation in the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall attempt to inform the master of that vessel by radio or other means.

(c) Except in situations involving force majeure, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall not clear a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel to enter the safety zone of a deepwater port for any purpose that would interfere with the purpose of the deepwater port; endanger the safety of life, property, or the environment; or otherwise be prohibited by regulation.

§ 150.333 Advance notice of arrival.

(a) The master of a tanker bound for a deepwater port shall report the following information to the Captain of the Port and the Vessel Traffic Supervisor of the port at least 24 hours before entering the safety zone at the port:

(1) The name, gross tonnage, and draft of the tanker.

(2) The type and amount of cargo on board.

(3) Any conditions on the vessel that may impair the navigation of the vessel, such as fire, malfunctioning propulsion machinery or steering equipment, or limitations on navigational or